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FOR AMBASSADOR MASTERS FROM AMBASSADOR BEAN

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RJSUBJ: NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE CURRENT BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BURMA, TERENCE J. O'BRIEN, C.M.G., M.C., AND CURRENT DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, IS TO BE NAMED AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA. HE DEPARTS RANGOON JANUARY 22 AND EXPECTS TO ARRIVE JAKARTA SOMETIME IN APRIL.

2. O'BRIEN IS A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER. HE HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO BURMA SINCE JUNE 1974. PRIOR TO COMING TO BURMA, HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS. OUR BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON O'BRIEN IS LIMITED. PERHAPS SECSTATE, LONDON AND/OR KATHMANDU CAN PROVIDE MORE.

3. I THINK YOU WILL FIND O'BRIEN A USEFUL DIPLOMATIC CONTACT. HE HAS A GENUINE LIKING AND RESPECT FOR AMERICANS, IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, A GOOD ANALYST AND IS WILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION AND IDEAS WITH US. HE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO

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ME DURING MY SHORT TIME HERE.

4. THE O'BRIENS ARE A SOCIALLY ENGAGING COUPLE. HE IS A BIT RESERVED, BUT NOT STODGY, IS WELL READ AND HAS AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF HUMOR. MRS. O'BRIEN, (RITA) IS EBULLIENT AND EFFERVESCENT, GIVEN TO SAYING THAT WHICH IS ON HER MIND (SOMETIMES WITH AN EMBARRASSING LACK OF DIPLOMATIC PHRASEO-

LOGY). NONETHELESS, SHE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE, ENJOYABLE AND
WELL-LIKED MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN RANGOON.
I COMMEND THE O'BRIENS TO YOU AND AILEEN.
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